

the State of California, one in each Federal judicial district in the State.

Each committee has a membership of six individuals: three appointed by the White House and three appointed jointly by Senator FEINSTEIN and me. Each member's vote counts equally, and a majority is necessary for recommendation of a candidate.

Mr. Hayes was reviewed by the Southern District Committee and strongly recommended for this position. I continue to support this bipartisan selection process and the high quality nominees it has produced.

Mr. Hayes had extensive civil experience as a private attorney before becoming a Federal prosecutor, rising to the position of head of the criminal division in the U.S. attorney's office in San Diego.

The southern district will benefit greatly from the exemplary services of Mr. Hayes, and I fully support confirmation of this nominee.

I wish to emphasize, once again, to my colleagues that we have a wonderful process in place in California to come up with these nominees for the district court. Senator FEINSTEIN and I have three members on the committee. The Bush administration has three members on the committee. It takes a majority vote. This means we are working together, and we have proven that we can come up with mainstream nominees for the district court. I urge an "aye" vote.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am pleased today to speak in support of William Q. Hayes, who has been nominated to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

Mr. Hayes received both his J.D. and M.B.A. from Syracuse University in 1983. Following his graduation, he spent a year in private practice until 1987, at which time he went to work for the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California. He was eventually elevated to chief of the criminal division of that office in recognition of his exceptional legal abilities. Despite the demands of his career in public service, he has nevertheless found the time to teach at both the undergraduate and law school levels.

Mr. Hayes is an exceptional nominee who will be a fine addition to the Federal bench, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting his nomination.

I yield the floor.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. There is one amendment that might still require a vote tonight. We think it will be worked out. So many people want to start this

vote, I suggest we start it. If that amendment is worked out, there will be more votes tonight, but we should know before the rollcall is over. So I suggest we start the rollcall now.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of William Q. Hayes, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California?

Mr. BOND. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 98, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 375 Ex.]

YEAS—98

Akaka	Dodd	Lott
Alexander	Dole	Lugar
Allard	Domenici	McCain
Allen	Dorgan	McConnell
Baucus	Durbin	Mikulski
Bayh	Edwards	Miller
Bennett	Ensign	Murkowski
Biden	Enzi	Murray
Bingaman	Feingold	Nelson (FL)
Bond	Feinstein	Nelson (NE)
Boxer	Fitzgerald	Nickles
Breaux	Frist	Pryor
Brownback	Graham (SC)	Reed
Bunning	Grassley	Reid
Burns	Gregg	Roberts
Byrd	Hagel	Rockefeller
Campbell	Harkin	Santorum
Cantwell	Hatch	Sarbanes
Carper	Hollings	Schumer
Chafee	Hutchinson	Sessions
Chambliss	Inhofe	Shelby
Clinton	Inouye	Smith
Cochran	Jeffords	Snowe
Coleman	Johnson	Specter
Collins	Kennedy	Stabenow
Conrad	Kerry	Stevens
Cornyn	Kohl	Sununu
Corzine	Kyl	Talent
Craig	Landrieu	Thomas
Crapo	Lautenberg	Voinovich
Daschle	Leahy	Warner
Dayton	Levin	Wyden
DeWine	Lincoln	

NOT VOTING—2

Graham (FL) Lieberman

The nomination was confirmed.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

NOMINATION OF JOHN A. HUSTON, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the next nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of John A. Huston, of California, to be United States District

Judge for the Southern District of California.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there are 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to the vote on the nomination.

Who yields time?

Mr. STEVENS. I yield all time on our side.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is anyone seeking time?

All time has expired.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of John A. Huston, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California?

The nomination was confirmed.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am pleased today to speak in support of John Huston, who has been confirmed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

Judge Huston, a graduate of the University of Miami School of Law, has used his outstanding legal skills in public service. He first served in the United States Army Judge Advocate General Corps and then in various positions at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California before his appointment in 1998 as a Federal magistrate judge, the position in which he currently serves.

Judge Huston has won many accolades for his legal skills, including awards from the National Association of Black Customs Enforcement Officers and from the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force for Outstanding Contributions. He was also presented with the Director's Award for Superior Performance in Asset Forfeiture by then-Attorney General Janet Reno.

In addition to his judicial responsibilities, Judge Huston finds time to participate in community programs that assist children in meeting educational and economic challenges. He has, for example, opened his courtroom to public school students to give them hands-on lessons in the judicial process. And he has served as a mentor to young African-American men who have excelled in high school to prepare them for college and beyond.

I applaud President Bush for his nomination of Judge Huston and am confident that he will serve on the bench with compassion, integrity and fairness.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am pleased today to speak in support of Robert Clive Jones, who has been confirmed to the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.

Before I go any further, I must tell you that Judge Jones is a fellow Cougar—a graduate of my alma mater, Brigham Young University. He then attended UCLA School of Law, where he graduated in the top 10 percent of his